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## **TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL UPDATE**

The community consultation on the site for the new \$534 million Tweed Valley Hospital has received a great response, with the local community welcoming the opportunity to provide input on the location.

Minister for Health Brad Hazzard and Tweed MP Geoff Provest will attend a community meeting on 18 June, to discuss the need for the new hospital and provide an update on the outcomes of the consultation process. The meeting will be facilitated by the Tweed Daily News and will be held at the **Tweed Civic Centre on Monday 18 June 2018, from 5pm to 7pm.**

During the six-week consultation process, which closes at **5pm on Thursday 14 June**, the community was invited to share their views on the best site for the new hospital, with over 650 conversations held with community members at 14 pop-up information booths across the region, and a number of drop-in sessions held at the project office.

More than 500 written submissions providing feedback from the community on the proposed site for the new hospital have been received, and more than 20 alternative sites nominated for further consideration.

Most of the alternative sites were nominated in the first few weeks of the process, which enabled the assessment to get underway, pending further submissions up to 14 June and resulting investigations. Alternative sites are being assessed against the original selection criteria and compared to the proposed site on Cudgen Road opposite Kingscliff TAFE.

“Whilst the vast majority of the alternative sites nominated have been previously considered, all nominated sites are undergoing careful assessment. All new information submitted and feedback from the community and the Council Reference Group will be considered before making a final decision on the site for the new hospital.” Rebecca Wark, Health Infrastructure’s Executive Director Regional & Rural said.

“There is overwhelming support from the entire community that we need a new Tweed Valley Hospital. At the community meeting on Monday evening we will provide an overview of the community feedback on the proposed site. Subject to agreement with the landowners, we also hope to be able to announce those alternative sites shortlisted for further investigation” she said.

As with the expression of interest (EOI) process, the assessment is being informed by advice from independent expert advisers and the process is being overseen by an independent probity adviser. The Council Reference Group is reviewing and providing feedback on all alternative site nominations to provide further transparency to this assessment process.

For more information and details of the timing and venue of the community meeting, please visit the project website at [www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au)

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